

In the Claims

For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims are set forth below, whether or not an amendment is made. Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for implementing a project in an organization, the method comprising:

displaying a contract template on a website;

receiving a contract ~~representing~~ generated from the contract template displayed on the website, the contract specifying an agreement between an organization and a project owner employed by the organization, ~~the agreement associated with implementing a project made by the project owner to take responsibility for implementing a project according to a schedule;~~

storing the contract in a project file of a database;

receiving a monitoring report describing execution of the project in accordance with the contract;

storing the monitoring report in the database;

receiving a corrective action request generated in response to the monitoring report, the corrective action request comprising a request to penalize the project owner;

modifying the project file in response to the corrective action request to indicate that the project is not executing; and

initiating a corrective action in accordance with the corrective action request.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising receiving an electronic signature from the project owner, the electronic signature representing acceptance of the contract.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising displaying the contract on a website.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
displaying a monitoring report template on a website; and
receiving the monitoring report generated from the monitoring report template.
6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising receiving the
monitoring report from a project monitor.
7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
displaying a corrective action template on a website; and
receiving the corrective action request generated from the corrective action template.
8. (Original) The method of Claim 1 further comprising receiving the corrective
action request from an executive sponsor.
9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein:
the project is associated with a budget and ~~a schedule~~ the schedule, the budget and the
schedule stored in the database; and
the monitoring report describes whether the execution of the project is in compliance
with the budget and the schedule.
10. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein:
the project is associated with a benefit realization plan stored in the database; and
the monitoring report describes whether the execution of the project is in compliance
with the benefit realization plan.
11. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein:
the corrective action request comprises a request to modify the contract; and
initiating the corrective action comprises:
modifying the contract; and
saving the modified contract in the database.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein initiating the corrective action comprises transmitting the request to penalize to an enforcement division of the organization to implement a penalty.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein:
the corrective action request comprises a request to terminate the project;
initiating the corrective action comprises modifying the contract to reflect a termination of the project; and
saving the modified contract in the database.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
determining that there is a successor project owner;
modifying the contract in the database in response to the determination; and
saving the modified contract in the database.

15. (Currently Amended) A system for implementing a project in an organization, the system comprising:

a database operable to store data; and

a processing manager coupled to the database and operable to:

receive a contract ~~representing~~ generated from the contract template displayed on the website, the contract specifying an agreement between an organization and a project owner employed by the organization, the agreement ~~associated with implementing a project made by the project owner to take responsibility for implementing a project according to a schedule~~;

store the contract in a project file of the database;

receive a monitoring report describing execution of the project in accordance with the contract;

store the monitoring report in the database;

receive a corrective action request generated in response to the monitoring report, the corrective action request comprising a request to penalize the project owner;

modify the project file in response to the corrective action request to indicate that the project is not executing; and

initiate a corrective action in accordance with the corrective action request.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein the processing manager is operable to receive an electronic signature from the project owner, the electronic signature representing acceptance of the contract.

18. (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein the processing manager is operable to display the contract on a website.

19. (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein the processing manager is operable to:

display a monitoring report template on a website; and

receive the monitoring report generated from the monitoring report template.

20. (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein the processing manager is operable to receive the monitoring report from a project monitor.

21. (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein the processing manager is operable to:

display a corrective action template on a website; and
receive the corrective action request generated from the corrective action template.

22. (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein the processing manager is operable to receive the corrective action request from an executive sponsor.

23. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 15, wherein:
the project is associated with a budget and a schedule the schedule, the budget and the schedule stored in the database; and
the monitoring report describes whether the execution of the project is in compliance with the budget and the schedule.

24. (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein:
the project is associated with a benefit realization plan stored in the database; and
the monitoring report describes whether the execution of the project is in compliance with the benefit realization plan.

25. (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein:
the corrective action request comprises a request to modify the contract; and
the processing manager is operable to:
modify the contract; and
save the modified contract in the database.

26. (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein the processing manager is operable to transmit the request to penalize to an enforcement division of the organization to implement a penalty.

27. (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein:
the corrective action request comprises a request to terminate the project;
the processing manager is operable to:
 modify the contract to reflect a termination of the project; and
 save the modified contract in the database.

28. (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein the processing manager is operable to:
 determine that there is a successor project owner;
 modify the contract in the database in response to the determination; and
 save the modified contract in the database.

29. (Currently Amended) A method for implementing a project in an organization, the method comprising:

defining a project associated with a project owner employed by an organization;

displaying a contract template on a website;

generating a contract from the contract template displayed on the website, the contract specifying an agreement between an the organization and the project owner, the contract associated with implementing a project made by the project owner to take responsibility for implementing a project according to a schedule;

monitoring execution of the project;

determining whether the execution is in compliance with the contract in response to the monitoring; and

determining a corrective action if the execution is not in compliance with the contract, the corrective action comprising penalizing the project owner.

30. (Original) The method of Claim 29, wherein determining whether the execution is in compliance comprises determining whether the execution is in compliance with a benefit realization plan associated with the project.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 29, wherein determining whether the execution is in compliance comprises determining whether the execution is in compliance with ~~a schedule~~ the schedule associated with the project.

32. (Original) The method of Claim 29, wherein determining whether the execution is in compliance comprises determining whether the execution is in compliance with a budget associated with the project.

33. (Original) The method of Claim 29, further comprising:

determining that there is a successor project owner; and

passing the contract to the successor project owner.

34. (Original) The method of Claim 29, wherein the corrective action comprises withholding a benefit from the project owner.

35. (Original) The method of Claim 29, wherein the corrective action comprises modifying the project.

36. (Original) The method of Claim 29, wherein the corrective action comprises adjusting a budget associated with the project.

37. (Original) The method of Claim 29, wherein the corrective action comprises terminating the project.